

THE NEWS-LEADER

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There many war still goes on at Mackville and still there is no election of Senator. An adjournment was had on Monday and Tuesday on account of the death of Senator Royal Weissinger, but the members got down to business again. The Republicans in the House unseated Representative Kaufman, and in the Senate the Democrats retaliated by unseating Dr. James and Senator Walker. A ballot was taken but the Republicans refused to vote. The result of the ballot was Blackburn 54, Carlisle 10, Buckner 1. So far as the election of a Senator is concerned the odds appear to be as far off as ever, and it is large dollars to doughnuts that when the session of the Legislature expires by limitation on next Tuesday; that no one will have been chosen to fill Mr. Blackburn's shoes.

The present Legislature, however, will be conspicuous in one respect, and that is that it has attracted more attention and accomplished less than any legislative body on record.

Mr. Weissinger, whose sudden death is announced, played a more important part in the Senatorial contest than any other member of the General Assembly. To him was due the credit of arranging the pair with Senator Siegel after Mr. Wilson's death, thus preventing the election of Dr. Hunter, and he has constituted the backbone of the opposition to Senator Blackburn. But for Mr. Weissinger the election of either Dr. Hunter or Senator Blackburn would have occurred weeks ago. This is conceded by both Republicans and Democrats.

EDITOR S. G. Boyle, of the Lexington Herald, says that what his brother S. John doesn't know about politics would fill a large volume. But who is Editor S. G. Boyle, and who knows that he knows anything about politics himself.

The Ohio Republicans met in State convention at Columbus Tuesday. It was a McKinley convention, full of enthusiasm for the protection candidate for the presidency. Senator-elect Foraker presided and supplied the usual keynote speech.

If the McKinley boom continues to develop at the rate it is going now, there will be only one ballot necessary in the St. Louis convention. So far it is McKinley first, the rest nowhere—Louisville Times.

WOOD G. DUNLAP has withdrawn his contest for the seat of Representative Kaufman in the Lexington district, declaring that he had no desire to further block legislation.

FREDERICKTOWN.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Mr. Riddle, from near Springfield, has taken charge of Mrs. S. J. Hamlin's farm and will put in a large crop of tobacco.

Mr. John Thompson has opened a Spring school at this place. He has a good attendance, and we prefer him for his great success.

Little Willie Aubrey was quite severely burned last Saturday by falling into a kettle of hot water. He is doing well, and we hope the bright little fellow will soon be out.

Mr. J. H. Beam, the prominent distiller of Early Times, was in town last Monday.

Mr. J. A. Shanty left Monday for Auburn, Ill., his future home.

Mrs. Katy C. Williams is on a sick bed.

Miss Dora Connor and daughter.

Miss Pearl, visited relatives near Cox's creek last week.

Miss Mary Eddison, of Bondsville, visited friends here this week. She leaves soon for Bowling Green, where she will attend a Normal school.

TATHAM SPRINGS.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Miss Della Dennis is quite ill with diphtheria.

Miss Bertha Shirley, of this place, is visiting her sister at Lawrenceburg, Ky.

Miss Lulu Shirley is at Williamsburg in a visit to her brother.

T. J. Montgomery, of your town, will be the night watchman at the Springs this summer.

On February 20th last, Mr. John Hoggate and Miss Sallie Snyder were quietly married by Rev. J. Simms.

Miss Ophelia Gillespie starts on Monday for Louisville, where she expects to learn the millinery trade. While the matches blow, we are sure to hear of her success.

I remain your correspondent,
W. B. S.

MACKVILLE.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Mr. Pierce, of Illinois, is now the guest of T. J. Graves' family.

Miss Annie Parks, of Perryville, was the guest of her sister, Miss Ada, of this place for several days last week.

Mr. Moses Foley, who for some days has been with relatives here, will leave this week for Louisville where he will go under treatment for his eyesight.

Meers' Will and Silas Graham, of Shaverville, were at the bedside of their sick aunt, Mrs. Wm. Case, on Saturday and Sunday last.

For some days we have heard a great deal of talk about a coal oil well discovered on Slett Cove's farm near here. Upon examination it proved to be oil, but in a quantity insufficient to justify development.

Dr. H. F. Cox entertained about five of his friends on Saturday, Feb. 27th, in honor of his forty-fourth birthday. Owing to the peculiarity of our calendar the Doctor will not have another birthday until 1904. His friends may well be sorry for this as no one knows how to entertain more faultlessly than the Doctor.

Prof. Kersey, formerly Music-master in Kentucky University, gave a most enjoyable musical and recital at the High School building this place, on the evening of March 2. Prof. Kersey is a thorough musician, and our people are elated over the prospect of having him as a musical instructor in the near future.

Prof. Catlin, of Lexington, has rented the High School building at this place and will open school on the 24th. The Professor is an excellent gentleman, and if our people will but do their part, we will soon have a school second to none in this part of the State. Special inducements offered to would-be-teachers.

Capt. Abner O. Daniels, of Lexington, has been in our midst for a week. Capt. Daniels is a gentleman of the old school, and one of whom any community might well be proud. If we can get a good school, he promises to help us, and while keeping up his life insurance business to aid in establishing a newspaper at Mackville. We certainly need waking up here, and may success attend all these new movements in the wish of the community.

DESTRUCTIVE FRUITS.

Backpackers and fruit growers do not agree on the question of bees destroying fruit. Mechan tells in his monthly that honey bees destroy grapes, raspberries and other fruits. He explains the whole method as follows:

"The bees are not able to bite the skin, but, in the grape particularly, they start near the attachment of the berry with their stings where it requires several days to thrust the tongue through. There are some backpackers who keep bees without making the slightest interest in growing flowers, and who line their pockets out of the predatory practices forced on the industrious bee. There is nothing left of those troubled but to hang up bottles of sweetened liquid out of which the little larvae cannot escape. It is believed that bees would not steal fruit from a house owner provided flowers were there. It is easier to gather honey than to crop grapes."

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SELECTIONS

PROFESSOR WILSON'S SCULPTURE.

It shows the effigy of Philip of Macedonia and is 2,500 Years Old.

And you are a student of natural knowledge you would probably not pay much attention to the gold coin which Professor Wilson has frequently wears as a pin on the scarf which covers most of his shirt front. But if you are an expert and embossed on the subject of rare and antique coins your eye will sparkle with pleasure at the sight of that scarpin, and possibly your fingers will tingle with vague kelp-tomatoes impulse to grab it and run, for the expert will recognize in the pin a gold disk an example of one of the most perfect and most beautiful coins ever struck.

And if you are allowed the privilege of a close inspection you will discover that this particular specimen has been preserved in every detail the exquisite beauty of design and finish imparted to it by classic artists and artificers, whose brains and hands crumbled to dust so long ago that it makes one feel in a dream just to think of it, for that coin of the delicate yellow of the canons bloom, perfect as when it was tossed from the stamper's hand, was valued by its owner as a treasure, and it is thus still ravished the ears of the Athenians and fired their pulses and led the effigy of him against whom the Attic orator hurled his fiercest invective—Philip of Macedonia, father of Alexander the Great.

The coin is a gold stater of Philip, noted among numismatists as one of the most perfect and best examples of the coin of the world has known in the 27 centuries that have elapsed since it was struck by command of the founder of the Macedonian empire. No change has occurred or even equal in the design and execution of Philip's stater as this may seem to those who regard the modern world as so vastly superior in almost every way to the ancient. The gold which Philip and most of the Greek states used in their coinage was known as electrum, consisting of about one-fifth part of silver, which imparted to it that exquisite shade of yellow which is one of its chief charms to the eye. The profile head of Philip on the gold stater, covered with its delicate laurel wreath, is as clear in outline as if it were in cameo, while the chariot and steeds on the reverse are charming examples of classic art in design and workmanship.

The intrinsic value of the gold in the coin is about \$8, but the value of a piece of such antiquity, so perfectly preserved, to the collector and the coin collector it would be difficult to estimate. Another point about this Macedonian coin which greatly increases its value in the eyes of the antiquarian is the fact that Philip was the first king who carried the sunburst on his shield, a device which, as we all know, the coins of the Greeks and Romans carried on their shields. But Philip in Greece, as Caesar in Rome, thrust the gods aside and stamped his own proud and conquering image on his coins. But while the contemporary enemies of both Philip and Caesar included this among their crimes in the indictment for boundless ambition and impiety brought against them the Greek and Roman population made it a right by conveniently discovering that the two conquerors were really not men at all, but gods in their own right.

It is probable that another coin similar to that which Postmaster General Wilson wears as a scarf pin does not exist in this country outside of a museum. It is presented to him by a friend, who picked it up at a sale in London. Of its genuineness there was no doubt, for when Mr. Wilson was in London last year, he took it to the expert at the British Museum, who pronounced it authentic and tried hard to buy it, but nothing could induce Mr. Wilson to part with it, not alone because it was presented to him by a very dear friend, but because, like most classical scholars, he had a deep love for the "glory that was Greece," and this rare bit of ancient gold carried him back to the most glorious era of the beautiful and wonderful Greek civilization, which still glows for the student like an unfading dawn behind the mists and glooms of overlapping centuries.—Hunting Post.

The two full moons of a month. The occurrence of two full moons in last December excited considerable interest, and with many the query is, When will there be two full moons in one month again? It is not infrequent for two full moons to occur in one month, as there are only 29 1/2 days in the lunar month—from one phase of the moon to the like phase again. There were two full quarter moons in May, 1929; two full moons in December, 1929, and there will be two full quarter moons in May, 1930; two full moons in May, 1930; two full quarter moons in November, 1930; and two full moons again in August, 1930.—Springfield Post.

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